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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, ETRD, TH

SUBJECT: INCREASED TARIFFS ON "LUXURY IMPORTS"

REF: (A) BANGKOK 7228; (B) BANGKOK 3185; (C) 7388

1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S PROMPT REPORTING ON THIS SUBJECT REFTEL (A) AND ON IMPORT BAN, REFTELS (B) AND (C).
2. DESCRIPTION OF NEW "TARIFFS" AS SHOWN IN SUBJECT LINE AND PARA. 2 OF REFTEL (A) DOES NOT MAKE IT CLEAR WHETHER CHANGES APPLY TO TARIFF (CUSTOMS DUTY) RATES, IMPORT SURCHARGES, OR BUSINESS TAX, WHICH WOULD ALSO APPLY TO SIMILAR DOMESTIC ITEMS. QUESTION ALSO ARISES WHETHER INCREASES APPLY TO IMPORTS FROM ASEAN PARTNERS. EMBASSY CLARIFICATION REQUESTED.
3. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING IMPORT ITEMS ON WHICH TARIFF/TAX HAS BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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INCREASED, INCLUDING: SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES AND PARTICULAR FOOD PRODUCTS AFFECTED; AND THE NEW RATE OF TARIFF/TAX. (A PUBLISHED LIST OF PRODUCTS WITH BTN NOS AND NEW RATES, IF AVAILABLE, WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL).

4. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF PROBABLE

DURATION OF NEW MEASURES, AND PROBABLE IMPACT ON U.S.  
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